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1. ON MARCH 2 ND CEREMONIES WERE HELD AT THE CUSTOMS BUILDING FOR THE GRADUATES OF THE US CUSTOMS TRAINING COURSE HELD DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH. SOME 50 ARGENTINE CUSTOMS AGENTS WERE AWARDED DIPLOMAS BY AMBASSADOR LODGE WHO ALSO SPOKE TO THE ASSEMBLED DIGNITARIES ABOUT THE CONTINUED NEED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U. S. AND ARGENTINA IN THE DRUG FIELD. THE DCM AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS AS WELL AS HIGH RANKING CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT.

2. ON MARCH 30 TH ANOTHER GRADUATION CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE FEDERAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THIS TIME FOR 50 GRADUATES OF THE BNDD TWO- WEEK COURSE. THE STUDENTS INCLUDED 6 MEMBERS OF THE URUGUAYAN POLICE AND 11 MEMBERS OF ARGENTINE CUSTOMS, THE REMAINDER COMING FROM THE FEDERAL POLICE. A GROUP OF SIX DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR LODGE, BRIG CACERES ( CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE), AND URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR FOLLE MARTINEZ, AWARDED DIPLOMAS. AMBASSADOR LODGE AND BRIG CACERES BOTH SPOKE BEFORE THE AUDIENCE OF OVER 200 CONCERNING THE NECESSITY OF ALL GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE THEIR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE NARCOTICS CONTROL FIELD. THE TRAINING COURSE ITSELF WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED BY THE STUDENTS WHO, IN THE OPINION OF THE INSTRUCTORS, EXHIBITED GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND CAPACITY TO ABSORB THE MATERIAL.

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3. ON MARCH 9 TH THE GOA ANNOUNCED THE PROMULGATION OF A MODIFICATION TO THE LAW ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS (19.303). THE MODIFICATION PLACES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE LAW ALL STOCKS OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THE ORIGINAL LAW IN OCTOBER 1971.

4. PLANNING IS NOW UNDERWAY TO ARRAGNE TWO TWO- WEEK TRAINING COURSES IN THE PROVINCES OF COMBINED BORDER PATROL- PROVINCIAL POLICE CLASSES. WASHINGTON WILL BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A JOINT CUSTOMS- BNDD TRAINING TEAM AS SOON AS DETAILS CAN BE ARRANGED. IT IS HOPED TO HOLD THE CLASSES IN THE MAY- JUNE TIMEFRAME.

5. DIPLOMATIC NOTES REQUESTING THE PROVISION ARREST OF MICHEL RUSSO AND FRANCOIS CHIAPPE WERE DELIVERED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON MARCH 8 TH. THE TWO MEN CONTINUE TO BE DETAINED PENDING RECEIPT BY THE GOA OF FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUESTS WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY.

6. THE USG/ GOA BINATIONAL COMMISSION WORKING GROUP FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION MET ON MARCH 29 TH TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ITEMS INCLUDING THE NEGOTIATION OF PROJECT AGREEMENTS, AND PROCEDURES FOR STREAMLINING EXTRADITION REQUESTS. STATUS REPORTS WERE RENDERED BY THE GOA ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE APRIL MINISTERIAL MEETING AND THE EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR PEDRO CABELLERO LINARES.

7. ON MARCH 28 TH THE EMBASSY FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON ITS REVISED NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN.

8. DR. HECTOR LAURENCE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CONATON, RETURNED TO ARGENTINA ON MARCH 6 TH AFTER SPENDING A MONTH IN THE U. S. AS A LEADER GRANTEE. DURING HIS TRIP DR. LAURENCE MET WITH MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DRUG REHABILITATION OFFICIALS. HE ALSO VISITED SEVERAL DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IN VARIOUS CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY. DR. LAURENCE COMMENTED UPON HIS RETURN THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFORTS THAT THE U. S. IS MAKING IN THE NARCOTICS CONTROL FIELD, AND THAT HE OBTAINED MANY NEW IDEAS WHICH HE HOPES CAN BE APPLIED IN ARGENTINA.
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